

Gallery Guide: A Learning Adventure at the Golden State Museum

Group Leader:

Students in the Group:

Make a ✓ in the box next to each accomplishment of your group. Try to experience as much as your time allows. These are suggested stops. Your group may find other points of interest. Take the time to linger longer when your group appears interested in a certain exhibit. Have fun exploring California!



Main Lobby

- ☐ Button # 100: Introduction: Why is California called the Golden State?

Second Floor

- ☐ Video – Introduction Theater- approximately 7 minutes (optional)

Place Gallery - second floor

- ☐ Button # 102 (purple) The Land Exhibit
- ☐ Natural Endowment Video - Watch part or all of the video.
- ☐ Enter the Field Engineer's Cabin. Have your group name 3 objects that have changed since the time period of living in a similar cabin. *(An added bonus: Look for the reflected image of John Muir outside the window. He appears about 1 minute after the end of the Natural Endowment video.)*
- ☐ Button # 109 (purple) Scenic California
- ☐ Button # 115 (red) Chimneys/Earthquakes: Why does California have earthquakes? - Natural Disasters Exhibit

California Floor Map If you'd like instructions, listen to button # 180.

1. Select a topic button from the master station. Check the topic(s) you observed.
2. Teacher or parent leader reads while students observe the map.

☐ Landscape ☐ Settlement ☐ Water ☐ Transportation ☐ Geology

Enter the Place/People Pavilion - Select one or both:

- ☐ Button # 120 (purple, on left) Western Pacific Railroad Map
- ☐ Button # 160 (purple, drawer on right) John Sutter's Map

People Gallery - second floor

- ☐ Board the bus to listen to at least one immigrant's journey to California.
- ☐ Button # 204 (purple) Suitcases - Arrival Exhibit
- ☐ Herbal Shop: Watch for the reflected image of Dr. Yee telling the 150 year story of his family living in California. *(He appears approximately every 4 minutes.)*
- ☐ Button # 208 – Why do people move to California? (outside wall of Herbal Shop on the right)
- ☐ TV Shop – Stop and listen to the "Faces of California." Ask one of the questions that was discussed in the video to your group.



Past the TV Shop, look straight ahead for the stairs to the first floor. Enter stairway.

- ☐ Landing: Button # 300 (red) Constitution Wall (optional)

First Floor:

Promise Gallery

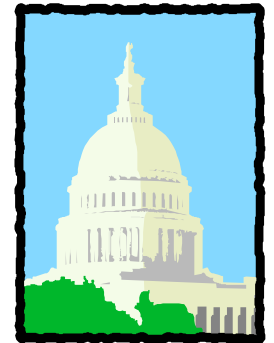


- ☐ Button # 304 (purple) Levi Strauss - Continuing Gold Rush Exhibit
- ☐ Button # 305 (purple) Hewlett Packard - Continuing Gold Rush Exhibit
- ☐ Button # 307 (purple) Cowboys (Agriculture Exhibit)
- ☐ Button # 310 (purple, button located on wall) California Migrant Workers, across from Agriculture Exhibit
- ☐ Button #313 (green) - Ceiling Mural, button is located on the information sign towards right end of hallway.
Say, "Look up at the ceiling mural by George Yepes. What California symbols can you find that are in the California State Seal?"... " How are they different?"
"What is the grizzly bear looking at?"... "What do you think the artist is trying to tell us?"

Politics Gallery



- ☐ Posey's Café – Press button # 2 on the jukebox, Children's Choice.
- ☐ Button # 414 (purple, located outside of Promise/Politics Pavilion) - The Job of Archivists
- ☐ Enter the Promise/Politics Pavilion. Say, "Open some drawers. Look at the different documents and artifacts.
Tell your partner about one document or artifact that you found and why it's interesting."
- ☐ Button # 423 (purple) 1849 California Constitution
- ☐ Button # 421 (purple) - Issue of Choice - Kids' Constitution (outside of California Constitutions Exhibit)
- ☐ Enter the Forum. Have your group locate the phrase on the floor that contains 14 letters. Ask your group what they think this phrase means.
- ☐ Button #419 (purple) Watercolor of the State Capitol - Three Branches of Government
- ☐ Button # 416 (red, located on information sign, "Three branches of Government" near the watercolor.
After listening to button # 416, have your group name the three branches of government and match each branch of government to the exhibits of the three different walls.
- ☐ If time, play the video game, the "Checks and Balance Challenge" and learn how a bill becomes a law, located in the Three Branches of Government Exhibit.
- ☐ Button # 420 (red) California Symbols -Managing the Public Trust Exhibit



Grand finale to your California experience: Continue right to the Alhambra Theatre in the Promise Gallery to watch "Hollywood and the California Dream."

When your group exits the Alhambra Theatre, turn right and walk back through the Hall of Promise. Turn right at the end of the hallway and walk toward the Model A Ford. The EXIT door is near the green voting booth.

Be sure to visit the Constitution Wall in the outside courtyard. Information sheets are in a stand to your far left in the courtyard.

We hope your group has enjoyed your tour at the Golden State Museum.